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**To: James Hall, Chief of Operations**

**From: Paul St. Cyr, Area Facilities Manager**

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**RE: Summary of Mass DEP - Visit to LHS 1922 & 1980's Building on 07/02/21 - Repair Construction Coordination Meeting Postponed Pending DEP Finding**

On the first day of the flood, ServiceMaster walked the LHS 1922 building with Christine Clancy (DPW Commissioner) and I to survey and develop the scope to be included with their services. At that meeting, ServiceMaster requested a copy of the asbestos documentation from Christine Clancy and she agreed to provide it to them. This information is necessary for the vendor to safely proceed with the flood mitigation efforts. The information contained in the report includes any known locations and condition of any suspect materials in the space. Even in the case of an emergency response such as this flood, a vendor must address the presence of such materials, and if such materials need to be disturbed or removed. In some cases, an encapsulation and full containment would have to take place with several days of written notice to the Commonwealth. As there were no known areas of concern, the ServiceMaster crews were able to mobilize the next day.

Starting immediately and throughout these weeks, there has been a great effort on the part of the LHS staff to carefully identify and record all of the materials and equipment damaged by the leak for eventual replacement. At the end of last week, ServiceMaster completed their scope of work and removed their equipment and crews from the jobsite. This left the task of the remaining demolition of treated areas that was not included with the original scope with ServiceMaster. This mostly included the dismantling of the Chorus and Band rooms. The district continued to provide custodial labor for removal of the remaining demolition materials outside to the waiting dumpsters. The approximate volume of these materials filled more than twenty 30-yard construction dumpsters.

During the weekly AOC meeting on Thursday - July 1st, a meeting to discuss the coordination of reconstruction efforts in the 22' building was planned for Tuesday - July 6th at 10:00AM. Some of the concerns voiced during the Thursday meeting were:

- Finding repair savings by pairing them with planned renovations
- Possible phasing changes moving this area forward in the construction schedule
- Possibly foregoing the use of the majority of the lower level of the 1922 building until that phase of the project completed with the High School renovation – late 2024. This would have a huge impact on programming for years as the area of the building is almost entirely integrated arts which have spaces that are built out specifically to their needs and do not transfer well into a typical classroom without adversely impacting student outcome and instruction. This potentially would also jeopardize philanthropic donations.
- We stressed that the repairs should be coordinated in such a way that they will not impact the future renovation negatively and, if possible, actually aid that process (for instance, building the newly required ADA ramps within the band and chorus rooms using the materials specified and, in the locations, where they are planned for in the full renovation, etc. )

MASS-DEP's Mr. Andrew Danikas, an asbestos inspector, made an unannounced visit to the 1922' & 1980's buildings on Friday, July 2, 2021. Mr. Danikas stated that his primary reason for the visit was caused by an

anonymous call to the agency with concerns that proper precautions were not taken in the remediation efforts taking place with regard to the possible handling of asbestos containing building materials disturbed by the recent flood. Deputy Commissioner Jim Green of the DPW, Al Luna and I were present for the walk-thru for the 1922' building and Jim Dowd(Skanska), Ryan Guthrie and Nick Cogliano (Suffolk) and I were present for the 1980's building walk-thru. While inspecting the 1922' building, Jim Green explained to the inspector that 95% of the asbestos materials were abated during the 1980's and 1993 renovations of the high school. The most typical places to find asbestos in a building from the 1920's era would be in pipe insulation for heating. In all cases, the current condition of the piping (which is now exposed due to all of the walls cut due to the flood) in the 1922 building, if insulated, is covered in modern fiberglass insulation.

The inspector was not able to find any definite asbestos containing materials and asked that the DPW forward the most recent AHERA report to him for review. The inspector did gather three samples of materials for testing and stated that the results would be communicated to the DPW as soon as possible. While the inspector was there, he wanted to check in on the abatement notification that was currently open for the 80's building (surrounding the new elevator location construction underway this summer). He found that all was in order for Skanska, the Owner's Project Manager, Suffolk Construction, the General Contractor and associated subcontractors.

Based upon the inspector's visit and requests on Friday, July 2, 2021 we ceased the remaining demolition activities and will not have any dumpsters pulled from the site until we receive clearance from Mr. Danikas (or the agency). On Saturday July 3, 2021, I received a notice that the coordination meeting was being postponed at the request of Perkins Eastman until they received documentation that indicates the area is cleared for occupancy by the MASS-DEP.

On Tuesday afternoon, July 6, 2021 the inspector emailed Christine Clancy explaining that the samples did not contain any asbestos and asked that she file the DEP's AQ-06 notification form. This has cleared a path for all parties to move forward with the next steps of the repair process.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

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